

Philippines Country statement to be delivered by the official representative of Philippines at Agenda item 6 of the ESCAP CTIEB11 Session

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Ladies and Gentlemen,*

The Philippines through the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) and the national focal point DOST-Technology Application and Promotion Institute (TAPI) would like to express its appreciation to the Asian and Pacific Centre for Transfer of Technology (APCTT) of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) for providing an opportunity for the Philippines to attend the International Conference on Innovation, Technology Transfer and Cooperation for Addressing Climate Change and the Eighteenth session of the Governing Council at the United Nations Conference Centre (UNCC), Bangkok, Thailand on 6-8 December 2022 and for being an active partner of the DOST-TAPI in various capacity building program activities implemented in the Philippines.

The current priorities of the Philippines on science, technology, and innovation include the following four points which are also essential for the country's support for new and emerging technologies in the region:

1. Support the socioeconomic agenda of the national Presidency and align the resources of the Department of Science and Technology towards more equitable initiatives in the country through the use of S&T innovations for wealth creation and generation, promotion of well-being, wealth protection, and sustainability;
2. Strengthen existing and establish new partnerships on science, technology, and innovation of the Department with other national government agencies, private organizations, academe, and international organizations to help the government bring science closer to the people. Thus, continuously creating solutions that are relevant, innovative, and will fill the gaps in various sectors and communities to achieve inclusive development.
3. Promote and emphasize the role of science, technology, and innovation in generating jobs and strengthening economic development in the country through the implementation of the Department's banner STI programs such as in livelihood training, upscaling and upskilling with technologies, and provision of technical assistance; and
4. Implement, with utmost priority, programs and projects that "ensure security in food, water, and energy; capacitate communities to be resilient in times of climate and natural hazards; increase investment in science and technology human resources development; upgrade science, technology, and innovation facilities; adopt digital transformation; and gear towards sustainable development."

The Philippines also reiterates its call for APCTT and its members to collaborate and deliver concrete outputs based on mutually identified priorities and mechanisms, such as but not limited to:

- Conduct capacity building activities, training programs, and forum on the best practices that support the commercialization of technologies/innovations on technology transfer activities in the Region;
- Upskill and capacitate MSMEs, SMEs senior policy makers, government technical officials, senior staff, university researcher, technology generators and technology adopters on market intelligence. This could include granting access to market databases of other member countries of APCTT which would be beneficial in supporting ongoing projects of the other Member States such as the Philippines' DOST-TAPI E-market Project;
- Share among Members regulatory information on international commercialization of technologies necessary to benchmark and assist local spin-off companies and start-ups to comply with the international regulatory requirements;
- Help establish collaborations where Members could pitch their local technologies (e.g., DOST-generated/funded technologies).
- Develop and/or share effective technology transfer models or policy frameworks that are replicable and may be adopted by the Member Countries. The Philippines could benchmark on technology transfer model for grassroots level, Public Private Partnership (PPP) Technology transfer model, and venture financing technology transfer, among others.

Lastly, the Philippines, through DOST-TAPI, commends APCTT for unceasingly spearheading initiatives that facilitate regional technology cooperation and transfer. We look forward to more collaborations with the Centre and with other Members.

Thank you.